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SUBJECT: US-PRC CULTURAL EXCHANGES

1. DIRECTOR OF FSI HOWARD L. SOLLENBERGER IS NOW IN TOKYO PREPARING TO JOIN GROUP OF AMERICAN LINGUISTS SCHEDULED TO ENTER PRC FROM TOKYO ON OCTOBER 9. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM SOLLENBERGER OF FOLLOWING ASAP.

2. PRCLO NOTIFIED COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRC (CSC) ON OCTOBER 5 THAT FREDERICK MOTE OF PRINCETON WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PRC WITH LINGUISTS DELEGATION BECAUSE OF "ILLEGAL ACTS COMMITTED IN CHINA PREVIOUSLY", EVEN THOUGH MOTE'S VISA HAD BEEN APPROVED AND ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER. CSC CANVASSED ALL DELEGATES STILL IN US (IN FACT ALL BUT SOLLENBERGER) AND AGREED THAT IF MOTE IS DENIED VISA DELEGATION WILL NOT GO TO CHINA. CSC SENT A COMMERCIAL CABLE TO SOLLENBERGER INFORMING HIM OF THIS AND ASKING HIS REACTION, BUT SO FAR HAS NOT RECEIVED HIS ANSWER.

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3. DEPARTMENT AND NSC HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BY CSC AND HAVE CONCURRED WITH CSC POSITION WHICH IS DELEGATION WILL NOT

VISIT PRC WITHOUT MOTE. WE URGENTLY WISH SOLLENBERGER
TO KNOW USG SUPPORTS CSC POSITION FOR HIM TO TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION WHEN REPLYING TO CSC.

4. WILL INFORM EMBASSY AND SOLLENBERGER OF FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS WHEN THEY OCCUR. KISSINGER

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